

IAMIT Workgroups Focus Efforts on Hanford Priorities

The formation of the five IAMIT (Inter-Agency Management Integration Team) workgroups is an outgrowth of the Cleanup Challenges and Constraints Team (C3T). In the C3T Initiative, leaders from the Department of Energy, Washington Department of Ecology, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Hanford contractors committed to regular dialogue in order to solve the leading constraints that hamper progress and to identify opportunities to improve the quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the Hanford Site cleanup.

The priorities the workgroups are focusing on are as follows:

Groundwater Workgroup. The IAMIT Groundwater Workgroup will work toward fulfilling the goals of the Groundwater Strategy's mission to protect the Columbia River from contaminated groundwater resulting from past, present, and future operations at the Hanford Site and to protect and remediate groundwater. Contact: Jane Hedges (509/736-3016, jhed461@ecy.wa.gov) for meeting times and workgroup products.

Vision and End States Workgroup. This group was formed from the recognition for the need to clearly define various end-states for the Hanford Site in order to effectively facilitate consistent cleanup decisions and activities. Contact: Mike Thompson (509/373-0750, K_M_Mike_Thompson@rl.gov) for meeting times and workgroup products.

Risk Assessment Workgroup. The goal of the Risk Assessment Coordination team will be to identify the current technical framework for coordination and consistency in risk assessments and to identify policy issues for resolution. Contact: Larry Gadbois (509/376-9884, gadbois.larry@epa.gov) for meeting times and workgroup products.

Waste Management Workgroup. The Sitewide Waste Management Strategy Workgroup will create a framework for guiding the management of solid waste at Hanford by developing a decision tree for selecting an appropriate waste management strategy for each major waste stream. Contact: Ron Skinnarland (509/736-3091, rski461@ecy.wa.gov) for meeting times and workgroup products.

Central Plateau Workgroup. This workgroup is focusing on area-based closures as a useful strategy for the Hanford Central Plateau because they offer economies of scale, can overcome constraints and challenges to cleanup, and because they establish clear goals to measure cleanup progress. Contact: Mark Triplett (509/375-6513, mark.triplett@pnl.gov) for meeting times and workgroup products.